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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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**HIRAOKA, Naoki, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1751

Serial Number: 10/662,450

Examiner: WEBB, Gregory E.

Filed: September 16, 2003

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2503

**FOR: CHEMICAL SOLUTION FEEDING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
PREPARING SLURRY**

**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 6, 2007

Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on **September 16, 2003**. A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is attached. In the returned Form PTO-1449 from that Information Disclosure Statement, reference JP 11-126764 was lined through, with the notation "Document not provided."

However, the document JP 11-126764 was submitted in the parent application (USSN 10/282,116) to the present application, and therefore it was not required that this document be provided with the IDS in the present divisional application. As demonstration that this document was submitted and of record in the parent application, Applicant has provided a copy of the cover page of US 6,659,634, the patent issuing from the parent application, indicating in item (56) that JP 11-126764 was one of the references cited in that application.

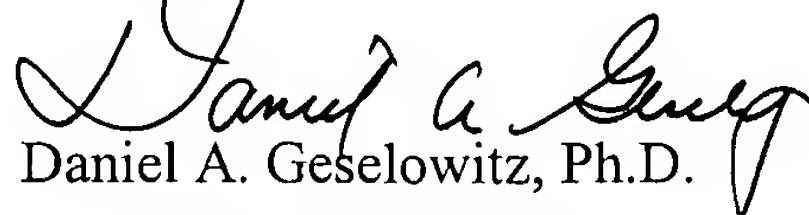
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies this Request, which lists the JP 11-126764 document, marked to indicate that the reference listed therein has been considered by the Office.

Patent Application Serial Number: **10/662,450**  
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The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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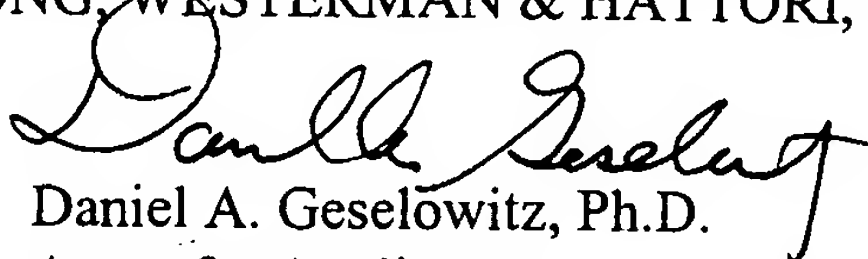
Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were made of record in parent application Serial No. 10/282,166.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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